

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on February 11, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Lake, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Ron Arthun (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 252, 1/31/2011; SB 253, 1/31/2011

HEARING ON SB 252

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:36 Sen. Ron Erickson (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 252, Temporarily reduce specific individual income tax credits.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:17 Tara Veazey, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)
00:11:58 Diane Fladmo, Research Director, MEA/MFT
00:13:47 Kim Abbott, representing Montana Human Rights Network

Opponents' Testimony:

00:14:26 Aidan Myhre, representing Montana Community Foundation
00:17:57 Linda Reed, President and Chief Executive Officer, Montana Community Foundation

EXHIBIT(tas34a01)

00:19:40 Aimee Grmoljez, representing Montana Non Profit Association
00:22:05 Evan Barrett, Chief Business Develop Officer, Governor's Office of Economic Development

Informational Testimony:

00:24:58 Brian Olsen, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:20 Sen. Kaufmann
00:25:46 Sen. Erickson
00:26:12 Sen. Wittich
00:27:52 Sen. Erickson
00:28:50 Sen. Wittich
00:29:43 Sen. Erickson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:20 Sen. Erickson

HEARING ON SB 253

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:10 Sen. Bob Lake (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 253, Eliminate certain individual and corporation tax credits.

00:40:26 Senator Gillan arrived at committee hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:07 Carl Schweitzer, representing Montana Sub Contractors Association
00:43:17 Tara Veazey, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:45:44 Rich Edwards, representing Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA)
00:47:44 Chris Christiaens, representing Montana Farmers Union
00:51:12 Evan Barrett, Governor's Office of Economic Development
00:53:23 Anna Marie Moe, Montana Promotions Division, Department of Commerce

EXHIBIT(tas34a02)

Letter from Ed DesRosier, Chairman, Montana Office of Tourism, Department of Commerce

00:59:20 Chere Jiusto, Executive Director, Montana Preservation Alliance

EXHIBIT(tas34a03)

01:04:39 Terry Myhre, representing Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA) and Business Assistance Connection, Helena

01:05:55 Damon Ristau, partner, Firewater Film Company, Missoula

01:07:50 J.P. Gabriel, Filmlites Montana, Bozeman

EXHIBIT(tas34a04)

01:11:39 Drew Geiger, representing Montana Car Rental Association

01:12:41 Allison Whitmer, works in the film industry

EXHIBIT(tas34a05)

Letter from Robert M. Curran, Head of Development, BASE Productions, Inc.

01:17:35 Aimee Grmoljez, representing Montana Travel, Lodging and Hospitality Association

01:18:57 Gary Amestoy, representing Richland County Economic Development Corporation

Informational Testimony:

01:20:48 Peter Brown, State Historic Preservation Office

EXHIBIT(tas34a06)

01:21:19 Dan Dodds, Department of Revenue (DOR)

01:21:48 Cary Hegreberg, representing Montana Contractors Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:24:33 Sen. Arthun
01:24:58 Evan Barrett
01:25:33 Sen. Arthun
01:25:44 Evan Barrett
01:26:24 Sen. Wittich
01:27:55 Sen. Lake
01:29:57 Sen. Wittich
01:30:38 Sen. Lake
01:31:28 Sen. Wittich
01:32:07 Sen. Lake
01:33:06 Sen. Van Dyk

01:34:19 Sen. Lake
 01:39:32 Sen. Gillan
 01:40:26 Sen. Lake
 01:42:36 Sen. Gillan
 01:43:16 Sen. Lake
 01:44:00 Sen. Gillan
 01:44:47 Tara Veazey, MBPC

EXHIBIT(tas34a07)

01:46:02 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:46:44 Chairman Tutvedt
 01:47:32 Anna Marie Moe
 01:48:28 Chairman Tutvedt
 01:48:54 Evan Barrett
 01:50:15 Chairman Tutvedt
 01:50:53 Cary Hegreberg, MCA
 01:52:38 Chairman Tutvedt
 01:52:43 Cary Hegreberg
 01:53:04 Sen. Wittich
 01:53:18 Tara Veazey
 01:53:36 Sen. Wittich
 01:54:15 Anna Marie Moe
 01:54:29 Stan Iversen, Film Office, Department of Commerce, without objection from the committee
 01:56:24 Sen. Wittich
 01:56:54 Stan Iversen
 01:57:24 Sen. Wittich
 01:58:01 Dan Dodds, DOR
 01:59:07 Sen. Wittich
 01:59:33 Dan Dodds
 02:00:28 Chairman Tutvedt
 02:01:01 Dan Dodds
 02:01:46 Chairman Tutvedt
 02:02:18 Sen. Lake
 02:03:25 Sen. Kaufmann
 02:04:01 Anne Marie Moe

Closing by Sponsor:

02:04:40 Sen. Lake

Committee Business:

02:05:39 Chairman Tutvedt

Additional Exhibit:

EXHIBIT(tas34a08)

Information from the Department of Revenue relating to HB 103 heard in committee February 9, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:10 A.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas34aad.pdf](#))